

Covered Bridge
Cold Springs Creek
Sergeantsville, Hunterdon County, New Jersey

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Covered Bridge
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Owner: Chosen Board of Freeholders

Date of Erection: 1872

Architect: Charles Holcombe

Builder: Charles Holcombe

Present Condition: Good

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone abutments

Heavy wood trusses with wrought iron tension eye bars at floor level. Floor girders hung from top of truss with wrought iron rods. Floor joists 4 x 10, 24" on center, covered with 2 x 12 planks laid at right angles to joists and then covered with 3 x 10 horizontal planks of yellow pine. The sides are covered 1 x 12 white pine vertical tongue and grooved boards

Roof - pitch, 2 x 6 rafters covered with shingles on shingle lathing

Historical Data:

This bridge was ordered built by the Board of Freeholders in 1872. Joseph Smith, representative of Delaware Township on the board, was given supervision of the building; with him on the building committee was

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William Rittenhouse of Kingwood and James Bird of Lambertville. The designer and chief carpenter was Charles Ogden Holcombe, who was responsible for most of the covered bridges built in this section.

The bridge was ordered to be built "as wide as the present abutements will permit". The timbers were to be of white oak or rock oak. It was ordered also that the piers be removed and a wooden bridge with iron stringers be erected. The present abutements were built more than a century ago.

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